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SUBJECT: US-EC-9 PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE

REF: (A) STATE 104866, (B) ANKARA 3557

1. PREPARATORY TO MEETING OF EC-9 MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP LATER THIS WEEK, DANISH DCM KIMBERG CALLED ON DEPTOFF (EUR/SE) MAY 8 FOR REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING

CYPRUS AND CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATION'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY REPEAL OF REMAINING ARMS EMBARGO RESTRICTIONS ON TURKEY.

- 2. KIMBERG BEGAN DISCUSSION BY DESCRIBING RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DANISH AMBASSADOR TO UN AND UNSYG WALDHEIM CONCERNING TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS. (DANISH AMBASSADOR HAD TALKED WITH WALDHEIM FOLLOWING EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATING SITUATION.) WALDHEIM'S VIEWS AS EXPRESSED TO DANISH UN REP WERE ALONG FAMILIAR LINES, I.E. BELIEF THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD REFUSE TO SEND DELEGATION TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IF HE (WALDHEIM) CALLED FOR THEIR RESUMPTION AND THAT SUCH A RESULT WOULD BE SERIOUS SETBACK TO OVERALL PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND AFFECT PRESTIGE OF UNSYG.
- 3. IN RESPONSE QUESTION RE US EVALUATION OF CYPRUS SITUATION AND RESUMED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, DEPTOFF NOTED THAT TURKS, IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH US, HAD STRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME. TURKS HAD, HOWEVER, SEEN STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION BY GREEK CYPRIOTS TO PROPOSALS. US HAD ENCOURAGED TURKISH SIDE TO RESTATE WITH SOME GREATER SPECIFICITY ITS READINESS TO BE FLEXIBLE. HOWEVER, WE HAD NOT RPT NOT ASKED TURKISH SIDE TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS OR TO AMEND EXISTING TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS. TO GREEK CYPRIOTS, WE HAD POINTED OUT OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIEF THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE PRODUCT OF SERIOUS EXERCISE. WE ALSO HAD NOTED OUR CONCERN THAT IF OPPORTUNITY WERE LOST, IT MIGHT BE SOME TIME BEFORE A NEW OPPORTUNITY WOULD AGAIN ARISE. DEPT HOPED PROCESS OF GETTING CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS RESTARTED WOULD NOT STAND STILL DURING PERIOD OF CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. WE HAD INDICATED TO WALDHEIM OUR HOPE THAT HE WILL PURSUE EFFORTS TO GET TALKS STARTED AGAIN. WE HAD, HOWEVER, NOT FORMALLY ASKED WALDHEIM TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF TALKS; THIS WAS MATTER WHICH HE WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE IN CONCERT WITH THE PARTIES.

4. DEPTOFF SAID THAT NARROW 18-17 VOTE IN HIRC MAY 2 INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE WAS SOMEWHAT LESS FAVORABLE TOWARD ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS THAN HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SUPPORT FOR EMBARGO REPEAL ANNOUNCED OVER WEEKEND BY SEN. CHURCH, SFRC MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY MORE FAVORABLE THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. DEPTOFF REMAINED HOPEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC THAT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM WOULD BE APPROVED, ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED IT WOULD REQUIRE A CONTINUING STRONG ADMINISTRATION EFFORT. HE INDICATED SEVERAL FACTORS COULD INFLUENCE PROSPECTS, SUCH AS RESUMP-

TION OF CYPRUS TALKS OR SOME OTHER SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT TOWARD CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

5. KIMBERG EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT FOR THE PRESENT EC-9 HAD LITTLE ROLE TO PLAY WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS NEGOTIATING PROCESS. VANCE

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